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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/992,253
	Filing Date	November 16, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Aart Zeger van Halteren
	Art Unit	2643
	Examiner Name	Tuan Duc Nguyen
	Attorney Docket Number	47161-00018USPT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Amendment previously filed on January 26, 2005
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Sixth Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,810.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	March 28, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	Justin D. Swindells	Registration No.	48,733

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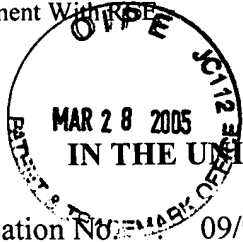
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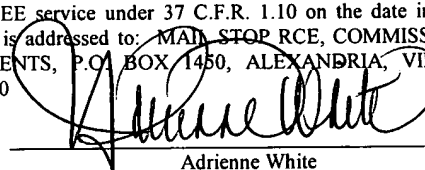
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AMENDMENT WITH RCE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 28, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated March 10, 2005. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing of the final Office Action, *i.e.*, by December 28, 2005. This timely paper is being submitted within three months after the expiration of the shortened statutory period, *i.e.*, by March 28, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.